



IESA Chess

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

March 19, 2024

The following members were present for the meeting: Charlie Shempf (IESA Assistant Executive Director), Kim Serrurier (Morton JHS, Coach), Chris Merli (Chief TD), Greg Moses (Franklin, Coach), Betsy Zacate (Pairings), Amy Green (Scorekeeper), Kent Hieronymus (Steward/Coach).

The IESA Chess Advisory Committee, in its March 2024 meeting, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their April 2024 meeting:

Recommendation 1- Schedule

Current:

R1- 10am
R2- 12:00pm
R3- 1:30pm
R4- 3:00pm
R5- 4:30pm
Saturday:
R6- 9am
R7- 10:45am
R8- 12:45pm
Awards- 2:45pm

Proposed:

Friday:
R1- 10am
R2- 12:15pm
R3- 2:00pm
R4- 3:45pm
R5- 5:30pm
Saturday:
R6- 9am
R7- 10:45am
R8- 12:45pm
Awards- 2:45pm

Rationale: As numbers for chess continue to increase, times between rounds will also need to increase. To keep the event on time and provide staff enough time to complete their duties, a slight adjustment to the schedule is needed. The proposal addresses the time constraints on Friday by providing more time between each round and additional time between rounds 1 and 2 for lunch.

T&C: V. C

Handbook: 4.160

Admin. Vote: 4-0

Board Action: APPROVED

Recommendation 2- Spectators

Current: When possible, a spectator viewing area will be available in the competition room; however, spectators are required to observe silence during all tournament play. During play, spectators must remain in the designated viewing areas. Both coaches and spectators will be allowed to enter the competition area during play but will only be allowed to view play from the designated viewing areas

Proposed: Spectators will not be allowed in the ballroom. Only coaches and players will be allowed in the ballroom.

Rationale: The ballroom is becoming limited in space because of the number of students in each division. The number of spectators is causing a disturbance in play. Parents were beginning to “camp out” in the ball room, which isn’t healthy for the overall tournament environment. Parents are talking, using their cell phones, and creating an environment that isn’t conducive to the players. Many parents were disturbing staff workers, which caused the workers to be off task from their assigned duty. In most chess tournaments, spectators are not allowed in the playing area.

T&C: VII. B

Handbook: 4.160

Admin. Vote: 4-0

Board Action: APPROVED

Points of Emphasis:

1. Coaches to bring clocks and pencils for students.
2. Pairing education for coaches
3. If scoring discrepancy- address in next round

Other items discussed:

- Food/Concessions at PCC
- Chess Control table
- Sectionals before state
- Two divisions
- Time control
- Rule 17 language
- Skittles set up and space
- Scorekeeping collection process